

1 William Paterson University – FACULTY SENATE MINUTES – April 12, 2016
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4 **PRESENT:** Aktan, Andreopolous, Cano, Crick, Decker, Diamond, Duffy, Ellis, Falk-Romaine,
5 Fallace, Flint, Fondeur, Gazzillo-Diaz, Griswold, Harris, Hong, Kaur, Kearney, Kim,
6 Kothandaraman, Levitan, Maduro, Magaldi, Makarec, Martin, Martus, Natrajan, O'Donnell,
7 Owusu, Potacco, Rosar, Sandmann, Scala, Simon, Snyder, Tardi, Tesfaye, Verdicchio, Waldron,
8 Wallace, Watad, Wicke
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10 **ABSENT:** Avdeev, Cook, Helena, Najarian, Steinhart, Swanson, Uhlein
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12 **GUESTS:** Brenenson, Bolyai, Brillante, Chabayta, Ferguson, Godar, Goldstein, Kashyap,
13 Liautaud, Lincoln, Mani, McCoy, McLaughlin-Vignier, Miller, Moore, Nocella, Noonan,
14 Owusu-Ansah, Rabbitt, Refsland, Rosenberg, Sabatino, Seal, Shojai, Tiernan, Treisky,
15 Williams, Wolf, Yakubov, Zeff
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17 **PRELIMINARIES:** Chairperson Falk-Romaine called the Senate to order at 12:36pm. The
18 Agenda was moved by Martus and Cano. Flint and Martus moved to amend by postponing the
19 Middle States discussion until the next meeting. The amendment passed with nine in opposition
20 and one abstention. The amended Agenda was then approved unanimously. The Minutes of the
21 3/22/2016, moved by Wicke and Makarec, were also approved unanimously.
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23 **CHAIR'S REPORT:** The annual Senate Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday,
24 April 21st.
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26 Robin Schwartz of the Art Department has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship.
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28 Falk-Romaine thanked all those senators who will not be returning next semester and she
29 reminded the campus to vote for new At-Large senators. The election of a new Executive
30 Committee will occur at the next meeting. She also noted that due to departmental needs she will
31 not be running for reelection as Senate Chair.
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33 **ACADEMIC STANDARDS COUNCIL: COURSE REPEAT POLICY:** The Senate
34 approved the policy at the September 8, 2015 meeting. The Council and the Provost met and
35 discussed concerns with the proposal, and the Council returned to propose a change in the
36 language. Falk-Romaine moved (Snyder seconded) to delete “accreditation demands and/or
37 standards of the profession” and to substitute “state laws or mandatory entrance into the
38 profession examinations.” Aktan and Wicke expressed the general opposition of the College of
39 Science and Health. Magaldi and Sandmann noted that the revision is a compromise to balance
40 college-wide policy with certain departmental needs. Nocella, Levitan, Andreopoulos and
41 Snyder also addressed the issue. Kim called the question, which passed with two abstentions.
42 The proposed revision to the Course Repeat Policy was voted down by a vote of 10 yes, 23 no
43 and 3 abstentions.
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45 Tardi stated that the Senate is a recommending body. The Provost came back with suggested
46 revisions, which the Senate rejected today. The policy passed last September is back to the
47 Provost. Sandmann replied that a revised policy will be implemented in the near future.
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49 Ellis and Griswold moved that learning disabled students be specifically addressed in the policy.
50 Martus, Duffy, Sandmann and Simon said that existing policies and procedures cover such
51 situations. Scala said that the Ellis amendment would only add clarity to the policy. The
52 amendment was rejected by a vote of 13 yes, 14 no, with 3 abstentions.

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54 **SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RESOLUTIONS DEVELOPED FROM THE**
55 **FACULTY AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2016:**

56 Falk-Romaine briefly summarized the meeting and displayed three proposed resolutions on the
57 screen.

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59 **Resolution One:** That the Academic Standards Council be charged with reviewing
60 documentation related to Program Review and make recommendations on how to better clarify
61 the process.

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63 Tardi objected that the motions don't adequately represent what was said at the 3/8 meeting. The
64 department chairs don't need more training – the entire process needs to be revised. Potacco,
65 Kim, Verdicchio, Aktan and Magaldi commented on various issues, including whether Academic
66 Standards is the best council to address the issues.

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68 Martin and Levitan moved to add “in consultation with the Assessment Council.” Gazzillo-Diaz,
69 Martus, Potacco and Falk-Romaine commented. The amendment passed unanimously by voice
70 vote. The revised Resolution One was then approved by voice vote with 2 negative votes and one
71 abstention.

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73 **Resolution Two:** That a formal training process be instituted for department chairs whose
74 departments will be undergoing program review in the following year. This will allow them to
75 provide instruction and guidance to department faculty so that all will be adequately familiar
76 with the process and the outcomes.

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78 Gazzillo-Diaz asked who would be doing the training. Falk-Romaine replied that it would be an
79 administrator familiar with the process. Sandmann said that this would be one way to approach
80 it, but the departments than have successfully done it could take the lead.

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82 Potacco moved to delete “in the following year,” but the motion was not seconded.

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84 Resolution Two was approved by voice vote, with 6 negative votes and 3 abstentions.

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86 **Resolution Three:** That the Senate Executive Committee have an ongoing discussion with
87 senior administrators regarding academic vision.

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89 Levitan and Aktan moved to amend by adding “with the Chair's Council” before “senior
90 administrators.” Kim, Falk-Romaine, Magaldi and Martus briefly addressed the topic. The
91 amendment was approved by voice vote, with 5 negative votes and 2 abstentions.

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93 Tardi supported the idea but called for more details. She wants to avoid ever again having a
94 situation like that involving the Geography Department. Andreopoulos and Martus commented
95 before the amendment was approved by voice vote with a single negative vote.

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97 Diamond and Tardi moved to amend by adding “that may impact a program’s viability” at the
98 end of the resolution. Owusu, Potacco, Falk-Romaine, Tardi, Simon and Verdicchio addressed
99 the topic. After Martin and Andreopoulos called the question, the amendment passed by a vote of
100 19 yes, 8 no and 2 abstentions.

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102 The amended Resolution Three was then approved with two negative votes.

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104 **ADJOURNMENT:** The Senate adjourned at 1:46.

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106 The next meeting of the Faculty Senate – the first meeting of the newly elected Senate -- will be
107 on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 in University Commons, Multipurpose room.

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109 Respectfully Submitted: Bill Duffy, Secretary

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